Merger of Air-India and Indian Airlines

594. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision to merge Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) whether there is any proposal to transfer Air India Officers and staff to Indian Airlines;

(c) what is the number of Officers and staff who are working on a temporary basis in Air India as on 31st March, 1987 and the period for which they have been working in temporary capacity;

(d) whether officers and staff working in Air India in U.K. are going to be made permanent before merger, if so, when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As on 31st March, 1987, whereas no officer was working in India on temporary basis, there were 323 staff working on temporary basis in India. The period of employment did not exceed 110 days.

(d) and (e) No decision has been taken by Government regarding merger. Therefore, the question of declaring the officers and staff permanent before merger does not arise.

Special trained Nurses and Technicians for Heart Operations in the Hospitals in Delhi

595. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heart operations require specially trained nurses and technicians;

(b) if so, the number of such nurses and technicians who are working in Government Hospitals in Delhi;

(c) whether their number is adequate; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to increase their strength?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table o the Sabha regarding the major Government Hospitals in Delhi. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The staff position is reviewed from time to time based on the requirements of the Hospitals and the recommendations of the Staff Inspection Unit.

Statement

Number of trained Nurses and Technicians for heart operations in Delhi Hospitals

S.No.	Name of the Hospital	No. of Nurses	No. of Technicians
1.	Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi	7	3
2.	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	28	8
3.	G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi	25	3
4.	Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi.	No cardiac surgery is performed.	